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2) means for digitally signing the image captured and at least one data file with a unique identifier associated with the capture station; and 3) a data storage means interconnected with the imaging device adapted to receive and store the image captured, and the at least one data file;

an agent server interconnected with the capture station and adapted to: 1) receive from the capture station the image captured and the at least one data file and digitally sign the image captured and at least one data file with a unique identifier associated with the agent server; 2) store the image captured, and the at least one data file; and 3) to electronically transmit at least one of the image captured or the at least one data file to a central server of a clearinghouse for execution in lieu of the paper negotiable instrument;

wherein the central server is interconnected with a network and with the agent server and includes means: 1) to receive, upon transmission from the agent server, either the image captured, or the at least one data file; 2) to validate at least one of the digital signature of the capture station or the digital signature of the agent server; 3) to timestamp the image captured or at least one data file received; 4) to identify a target within the network for transmission of the image captured or the at least one data file for the performance of a service by the network target with respect to the paper negotiable instrument captured; and 5) to transmit at least one of the image captured or at least one data file to the target for the performance of the service.

200. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the image captured or at least one data file is transmitted to the central server at the time of receipt from the capture station.

201. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the image captured or at least one data file is transmitted to the central server according to a scheduled time other than the time of capture.

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202. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the paper negotiable instrument is a check and the transaction data is at least information contained within a MICR line of the check, an identification of a check payee and a check amount.

203. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the image captured is transmitted from the agent server to the central server at a time that does not coincide with a time of transmission of an associated at least one data file to the central server, and the at least one data file and the corresponding image captured are re-associated at the central server.

204. (New) The system of claim 199 further comprising:
a quality control processor for comparing a pre-capture quality control value with a post-capture quality control value and for accepting a corresponding image captured or at least one data file for further processing only if the pre-capture value and the post capture value meet predefined quality control criteria, wherein the pre-capture quality control value is assigned to information associated with a paper negotiable instrument before the creation of an image captured by the capture station.

205. (New) The system of claim 199 further comprising:
a quality control processor for comparing a pre-capture quality control value with a post-capture quality control value and for rejecting a corresponding image captured or at least one data file from further processing if the pre-capture value and the post capture value do not meet predefined quality control criteria, wherein the pre-capture quality control value is assigned to information associated with a paper negotiable instrument before the creation of an image captured by the capture station.

206. (New) The system of claim 199 further comprising:

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an administration services controller that limits access to at least one of the capture station, agent server, central server and network target in accordance with predetermined access criteria.

207. (New) The system of claim 206 wherein the predetermined access criteria is based upon a characteristics of at least one service function requested to be performed by at least one of the capture station, agent server, central server, and network target.

208. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the transmission of the image captured or at least one data file from the central server to the network target is in accordance with a real time or batch processing schedule associated with the submission of items into a clearing house.

209. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the transmission of the image captured or at least one data file from the central server to the network target is in real time on an on-we shared multifunction service network, for supporting a determination of a real time status of the paper negotiable instrument, from a bank the paper negotiable instrument is drawn on, or a proxy of the bank the paper negotiable instrument is drawn on.

210. (New) The system of claim 199 wherein the transmission of the image captured or at least one data file from the central server to the network target is in real time on an on-we shared multifunction service network, for supporting a determination of a real time status of the paper negotiable instrument, and a movement of the image